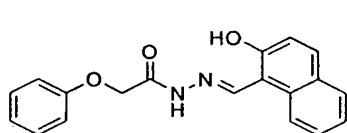


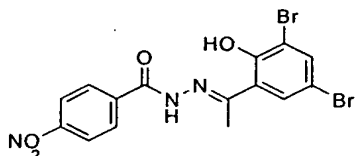
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 32. (Canceled)

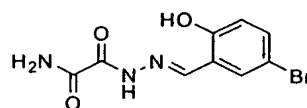
33 (Currently amended). A compound selected from the group consisting of:



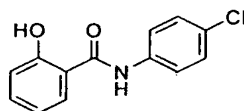
20



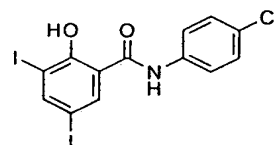
21



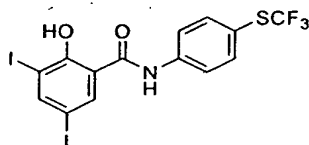
22



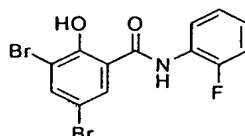
24



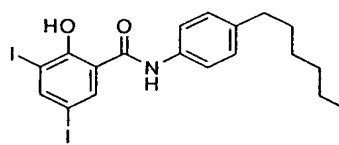
25



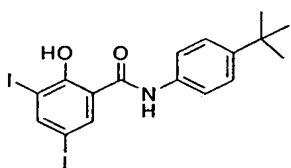
26



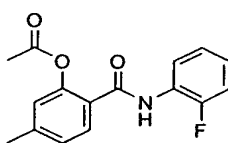
27



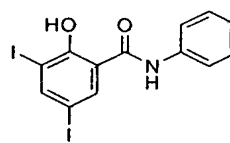
28



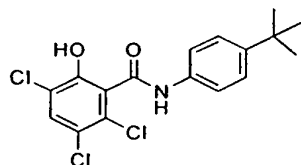
29



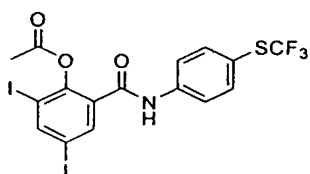
30



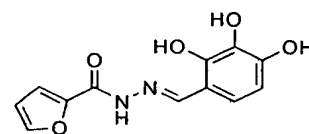
31



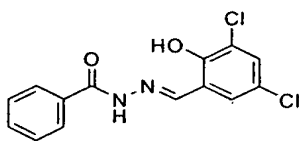
32



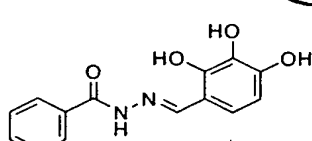
33



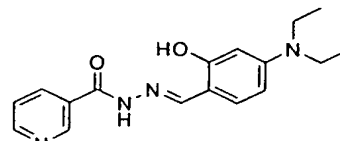
34



35



36



37

34 (Currently amended - withdrawn) A compound according to claim 34 33 which is of formula 22.

35 (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 25.

36 (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 28.

37 (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 30.

38 (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 34 which is of formula 31.

39 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system comprising exposing said bacteria to a compound of claim 33.

40 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 39, wherein said compound is of formula 22.

41 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 39, wherein said compound is one in which the moiety directly bonded to the carboxyl group is a hydroxyl-substituted benzyl group and the moiety directly bonded to the N is a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group.

42 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 25.

43 (Withdrawn) A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 28.

44 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 30.

45 (Withdrawn). A method of decreasing virulence of Gram-negative bacterial having a type III secretion (TTS) system according to claim 41, wherein said compound is of formula 33.